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JOHN THURBURN,
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Hongkong, June 18, 1893. 228

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Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

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Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 825

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Intimations.



Victoria Preceptory.

A Regular MEETING of the Victoria PRECEPTORY will be held THIS EVENING, the 18th October, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting KNIGHTS are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, October 18, 1894. 1633

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LIMITED, 6 PER CENT.

DEBENTURES.

NOTICE.

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By Order, R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, October 17, 1894. 1666

THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE.

A PPLICATION having been made to the LIQUIDATORS of the STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, in Singapore, for the ISSUE of NEW CERTIFICATES in lieu of Certificates, viz:—

No. 1814 for 50 Shares, numbered 2163 to 2202, and No. 1815 for 50 Shares numbered 2203 to 2252.

registered in the name of ARTHUR LIBERT, in the said Company, on the ground that the said CERTIFICATES have been LOST.

Notice is hereby given, that within FORTY DAYS from the date hereof the said CERTIFICATES are not produced to the Liquidators of the said Company, or good cause shewn why new Certificates should not be issued, the said application will be granted.

A. S. MURRAY,
Secretary to Liquidators.

October 8, 1894. 1624

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RETURN TICKETS, FIRST SALON, for the above Races, can be obtained on and after this date by the STREAMERS of the Undermentioned LINES, available for ONE MONTH from date of issue.

FARE \$60.

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Hongkong, October 8, 1894. 1614

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Salary, \$300 per month and Commission.

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Apply to R. TUCKER, Manager,

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Entertainments.

THE CHINESE TWINS. TWO BOYS JOINED TOGETHER have arrived from SHANGHAI and will be ON VIEW on the First Floor of No. 49, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Entrance from Queen's Road only.
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Hongkong, October 16, 1894 1630

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MESSRS. G. G. BRADY and C. T. ROBINSON,
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THURSDAY, 25th October,
Commencing at 9 o'clock p.m.

Prices, \$2 and \$1.

Plan at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.
Hongkong, October 16, 1894. 1634

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THE HONGKONG MINSTRELS will give Another of their POPULAR ENTERTAINMENTS,
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Under distinguished Patronage and Support.

SATURDAY, 27th October.

ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

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Doors open at 8.30. Commencing at 9 o'clock precisely.

Plan and Tickets at Messrs. KELLY AND WALSH, LIMBOURG.

Seats may be Booked on and after Saturday, 20th October.

A SPECIAL TRAIN will run to the Park, and a SPECIAL LAUNCH to Kowloon, 15 minutes after the Performance.

WILLIAM BLAYNAY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October 10, 1894. 1635

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
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HONGKONG, October 10, 1894. 1636

THE CHINAMAN

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TUESDAY, the 30th October, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

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C. L. GORHAM,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, October 15, 1894. 1637

NOTICE.

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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

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COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND

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MARSHELLES, LONDON,

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ALSO

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All Damaged Packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 23rd Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon of the 19th Instant.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 24th Instant, at Noon will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be sent in on or before Wednesday, the 24th Inst., or they will not be recognized.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, October 18, 1894. 1671

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS,

FROM ANTRWELL, LONDON AND

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THE CHINAMAN

Steamship Glenyle having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk

into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

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Cargo remaining undelivered after the 25th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damage and/or shortages not later than the 1st Proximo, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 18, 1894. 1677

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel	Agents	Date of Leaving

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CITY HALL.

MISS ELIEZ ADAIR.

It was quite a treat to see the Theatre filled once again by a large audience as it was last night. The attraction was Miss Eliez Adair, the American dancer, whose fame as an exponent of the Serpentine dance had travelled before her to this benighted, calamity-stricken Colony. Shunned as the Colony has been for several months by public entertainers, the community was ready to welcome a first-class artist like Miss Adair, and though the Theatre was filled comfortably last night it is almost a certainty that it will be crowded on Saturday night when the performance will be repeated with some alterations in the programme. Miss Adair was fortunate enough to secure the assistance of several of Hongkong's most talented amateurs. Thanks to their aid the entertainment was rendered all the more enjoyable. Mr E. F. Lamont, whom we have heard in better voice, sang 'Call me back' and 'Love's old Song' very sweetly. In quite another style, Mr E. W. Maitland sang the ballad entitled 'When twilight comes.' He kept his voice well under control, but his singing was perhaps all the more appreciated because of his marked restraint. Mr J. D. Lapraik treated the audience to a melody which sounded somewhat familiar. Like Mr Lamont and Mr Maitland, he was rapturously applauded. There was no restraint about Signaller Clark, of the *Victor Emanuel*. For both of his comic songs he was warmly received. Of Mr G. G. Brady's abilities to amuse an audience there is now little need to write. Since coming to the Colony, he has installed himself as the premier comic vocalist. Last night he gave an example of his ability as a reciter. 'My Montpelier's Recitation,' even with all the fun Mr Brady was able to import into it, was, however, too long drawn out for an audience anxious to see the principal attraction of the evening. Successful as he was in his recitation, he was more than successful in his songs, and it was only after he had appeared and modestly suggested that somebody else should have a chance that he was allowed to quit the stage.

The twenty minutes with Miss Adair and Mr Vandervell in a comedy sketch; mirth, melody and dancing, were filled up agreeably, but the broadly burlesque sketch was a little too American for the mixed audience. However, it gave Miss Adair a chance to exhibit some clever dancing. The audience were not prepared for the somersault with which she concluded the waltz with Mr Vandervell. But it was in the Serpentine dance that Miss Adair shone to the greatest advantage. We have seen in Hongkong before artists who professed to be Serpentine dancers. But before Miss Adair, these dancers, talented though they may have been, sink into absolute insignificance. As a star of the first magnitude surpasses in lustre the smallest visible star in the Milky Way, Miss Adair stands distinct from all previous Serpentine dancers who have visited this Colony. The student of gush might use up the whole of the adjectives in his vocabulary in writing in praise of Miss Adair's performance as a spectacle, for it is, after all, more a picture of gorgeous colours than a dance. It is simply magnificent. Clad in long flowing skirts of virgin whiteness, the dancer flits upon the stage, and, as soon as the rays of the electric light are turned upon her, commences a series of wonderful convolutions and postures. The colours are beautifully blended, and each successive combination serves to arouse the admiration of the spectator. Miss Adair manipulates her skirt with the skill of long practice, and produces some very peculiar effects. She was frequently applauded, and great and cordial were the rounds of applause when her skirts reflected the national flag of Britain and America, and then the portrait of Her Majesty the Queen. Were it only for the sake of giving the Serpentine dance there should be a much larger audience on Saturday night. Miss Adair, however, promises to introduce a new dance, in addition to the Serpentine dance, and entirely new effects will be produced by the lime-light and electric light. Messrs Brady, Caldwell and Lapraik will also appear in a trio which threatens to be exorbitantly funny.

We had almost forgotten to mention the good work done by the String Orchestra of the Shropshire Light Infantry, and Major James Boyce, who, in addition to conducting, played the accompaniment to the different vocalists. He also played a clever solo on the cornet, accompanying himself on the piano.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

The Sanitary Board met this afternoon, Mr F. H. May (Captain Superintendent of Police) presiding. There were also present: Dr P. B. C. Ayres (Colonial Surgeon), Hon. F. A. Cooper (Director of Public Works), Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Dr. Hartigan, Mr R. K. Leigh, and Mr E. A. Ram, Acting Secretary.

WEEKLY MEETINGS ABOLISHED.

Dr Ayres moved and Dr Ho Kai seconded that the Board revert to the old custom of meeting fortnightly.

NIGHT-SOIL REMOVAL.

The Board in Committee considered new by-laws for the regulation of night-soil coolies and the removal of night-soil. It is proposed that the coolies shall be licensed.

The by-laws were amended, and then passed by the Board.

It was moved by Dr Ho Kai that the by-laws should be forwarded to the Government to be approved as soon as possible.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The death-rate for the week ended October 6 was 19.9 per 1000 per annum as compared with 25.2 in the corresponding week last year.

INCREASE OF STAFF.

A letter was submitted from the Acting Colonial Secretary, in which it was stated the Governor had no objection to the Board's engaging, provisionally and temporarily, one assistant surveyor, one overseer and one Chinese foreman for the inspection of all house drains, in accordance with a recommendation by Mr Crook, the Sanitary Surveyor. He asked the Board to report on what salaries and allowances those men should be engaged, and for what period.

Mr Crook stated that the following salaries should be paid—Assistant Surveyor, \$200 to \$250 per month; overseer, \$80 to \$100; foreman, \$20. He suggested the appointments should be made for one year.

On the motion of Mr Leigh, seconded by Mr Cooper, it was agreed to engage the men, in the first instance, for four months to carry out the inspection, and it would then be considered what assistance would be necessary for superintending the work.

POLLUTED WELLS AT WANCAI.

A certificate was handed in from the Government Analyst to the effect that certain wells in the Wan Chai District were tainted with impurities and that the water therefrom would be injurious to persons using it.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr Cooper, the wells were declared a nuisance.

PIG-STIES IN THE SOKONKO VALLEY.

Some conversation took place over a letter from Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. asking that the people, who had squatted on some land in this valley, should be notified that licenses would not be granted to their pigsties.

The President said the Board must ascertain when the pig-sties were inspected with a view to the granting of license, as they were in a proper condition. Whether licenses would be granted when the application for renewal came before the Board would depend on the condition in which they were found.

The Board adjourned till Thursday, 25th instant.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Mr E. J. Ackroyd, Acting Chief Justice, and a Jury.)

Thursday, October 18.

BURGLARY IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

Chan How was charged with burglary, entering a druggist shop at 361 Queen's Road Central, on the 22nd September last, with intent to commit theft.

He pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs John Sutherland, Jessie M. do Rosario, E. O. Key, A. Calago, J. D. Logan, J. D. Lapraik, and G. dos Reis.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr A. J. Leach, Acting Attorney General, instructed by Mr A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor.

The jury found the accused guilty of breaking into the shop. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment without hard labour.

EMBEZZLEMENT BY A GUARD.

Pun Kit Nam, the steward of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., who absconded with several thousands of dollars, pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

Sentenced deferred till Monday.

LARCENY.

Lai Yik, who was charged with larceny, pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr E. Robinson, instructed by Mr C. D. Wilkinson.

The jury found the accused guilty.

Sentence deferred till Monday.

These being all the cases set down for trial, the Sessions adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

USURY.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 18th Oct., 1894.

Sir.—It is not encouraging upon your valuable time, I shall be glad if you will kindly allow me a small space in your readable paper to ventilate a grievance which has long been the subject of discussion.

What I refer to is the weekly list of those summoned, which is posted up on the board at the main entrance of the Supreme Court on every Thursday afternoon. Very seldom sees the names of those notorious usurers and professional money-lenders as their names are omitted from the said list as plaintiffs!

It is really a nuisance—if not almost sickening—to see the same old faces appearing before a Judge in a British tribunal every week as 'Shylocks,' suing people for money lent, charging them interest rates 200 per cent., even probably more.

Of course that amount is included in a joint and several promissory note, liable to every man even to the Acting Full Judge, as his case pertinently argued, that he had no sympathy for these usurers. But my main question is—Can nothing be done to get rid of these men from infesting the Summary Court weekly or put a stop to such a shameful practice? Surely there is a remedy which, if adopted, would prove effective.

For instance, the power which he consider

betting, gambling, lotteries and such like illegal; but why should money-lending, on preposterous interest, not also be considered illegal, as this would tend to deter others from lending out their money, or were perfectly justified. The Crescent was not employed in the recent manoeuvres, but her type was represented by the *St. George*, *Endymion*, *Thetis*, and *Gibraltar*.

Enclosing my card, and thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of the above.—Yours truly,

A DISGUSTED ONE.

TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.)

(Via Southern Line).

THE STRAITS MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

Lord Ripon's despatch settling the question of the Straits Military Contribution will shortly reach Singapore. Without fixing a specific reduction, it provides for re-adjustment of the tribute in a manner calculated to satisfy the colony.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS IN THE EAST.

Six steamers of the volunteer fleet are proceeding to Vladivostok, where they will be equipped as war cruisers.

CHINA AND THE REPORTED CORRUPTION.

The Chinese Legation in London positively denies the report of Sheng's speculations, and also reports of the rising in Hankow.

(From French Papers.)

THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR.

PARIS, Oct. 11.

M. C. Myre Vileta has arrived at Tamatave.

TAKING OF CHEFOO!

PARIS, Oct. 10.

The report that Chefoo has been captured by the Japanese is false.

NAVAL NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

A Parliamentary paper, recently issued on the motion of Lord George Hamilton, shows the number of sea-going war-ships in commission, in reserve, and building, the naval expenditure, tonnage of mercantile marine, and value of seaborne commerce of various countries in 1893. It shows that last year Great Britain had in commission twenty-four battle-ships, while France had eighteen, Russia five, Germany eight, and Italy nine. Of cruisers armoured and unarmoured Britain had sixty-seven, as against thirty-one belonging to France, six to Russia, thirteen to the United States, ten to Spain, thirteen to the United States, twenty to China, and seventeen to Japan. Of other ships not being torpedo-boats England is credited as possessing eighty-one, France having twenty-four, Russia nine, Germany six, United States eleven, China forty-eight, and Japan ten. Under the head of reserves, England is credited with fifteen battleships in reserve, France with nine, Russia with two, Germany with seven and Italy with five. England also is shown to have in reserve fourteen coast defence ships and fifty-five cruisers, as compared with respectively ten and eighteen possessed by France, fourteen and seven by Russia, and thirteen and fifteen by Germany. Summarising these statistics of sea-going vessels in commission and in reserve, the return shows that Great Britain has a total of 812 ships, while France has 129, Russia seventy, and Germany forty-six.

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THE BRITISH TRADE WITH THE FAR EAST.

Board of Trade returns for August are a little less unfavourable, although the decrease in the value of the total exports is still as much as £248,561, or 4.8 per cent., namely, from £5,651,178 to £5,351,240.

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THE MONUMENTS IN CHINA.

Writing of the hostility being displayed to all foreigners by the Chinese, who seem to make no difference between Japanese and Europeans in their general hatred of other nations—which has found vent in assaults on Englishmen according to Reuter's telegram—the Pioneer says:

The immediate danger to be feared is that

the defeat of the Chinese may bring about the downfall of the reigning dynasty, and throw the whole country into a state of anarchy.

There have been serious rebellions

in the past, and leaders still exist who may

see an opportunity of again trying to wreak

the Empire. Unquestionably the population generally is weary of the nominal protection accorded to foreigners and the punishments inflicted upon those who have killed or insulted Europeans. The proclamations from Pekin are frequently disregarded, and the officers and soldiers of the regular army show no disposition to interfere with outlaws.

Still, so long as there is a government at Pekin, some restraint can be placed upon the fanaticism of the populace, and the Treaty Ports have the largest interests at stake, and she should be earliest in taking precautions.

Her fleet in Chinese waters cannot find men sufficient to protect the settlements, but at Hongkong there is the regiment raised for special local service, and 600 or 800 sailors sepoys would form a welcome addition to blue-jackets and marines who might have to be landed at the Ports. The Kiteegeads at Canton are in a position to provide for the safety of their subjects in China, and in the event of a future Messiah, or a Roman Catholic bishop, who has created such a stir among the Chinese, he will be easily reduced to a small force.

The monuments have as yet told us nothing of Eden or of the Fall of Man, but they have transferred the infant here floating in his bulrush cradle, from the Nile to the Euphrates; and this story is also found in the Zendavista at a later date. No monuments as yet speak of the Exodus: no records of Moses, or David, or Solomon have been found. The earliest known notice of the Hebrews (unless they appear in the Tell of Amara tablets) belongs to the period of the Persian Empire.

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During the last few centuries, the

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"The China Review for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Meteorologists will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritsch, on "the Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking," showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1860. "Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa," by Mr. Goo Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most interesting and appreciative review of "The Divine Classic of Nan-Hua," and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting." "North-China Daily News."

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"The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting, the opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on "The New Testament in Chinese" treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries." Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journey in Szechuan" are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travails in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Halford contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Chang, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which "On Chinese Oaths in Western Burma and Java" might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number." "H. K. Daily Press."

Zwölfer's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review: "The present publication, judging by the number now before us, appears destined to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the Catechist Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publication as is now provided extremely desirable, and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review" by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-po, by Mr. E. O. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Besides notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to note that the "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in the pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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